

God of shinobi

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Summary: What if Minato never died and instead raised Naruto how would the Jinchuriki be different? Read and see as Naruto progresses to be the next God of Shinobi Rated M for future ideas Naruto x (surprise have to read to find out won't be for a bit though)

## 1. Chapter 1 death of the demon

\*\*Chapter 1: Death to the Demon\*\*

\*\*Disclaimer: I don't own naruto and probably never will.\*\*

\*\*This is my first time\*\* \*\*writing\*\*\*\* so hopefully it's well received I've been wanting to write this for awhile and just recently became motivated to do so. Basic idea is what if Minato didn't die and raised naruto. There are many similar to this idea but all different so I hope you all like my interpretation\*\*

\*\*(Name is changeable haven't set this one in concrete)\*\*

\*\*Naruto: God of Shinobi\*\*

Night of the Kyuubi attack

Minato stared at his wife, one claw from the Kyuubi going right through her stomach. She looked at him and smiled "I'm sorry Minato but our son needs you in his life", she says tears streaming down both of their faces

They had both jumped in front of the claw ready to sacrifice themselves to protect their newborn child. At least they both were supposed to, however at the last second Kushina created one last chakra chain to collide with Minato barely avoiding the claw going through him as well.

He stared at her "K-Kushina please don't leave us it's not supposed to be this way he needs us both in his life we're both supposed to be there for him not just me."

"He'll have you and that's good enough I love you both protect our son from the man that did this teach him everything he'll need to know and be a great father Minato I love you both. Now I'm going to seal half of it in you and the other half in Naruto he will need its power, you both will, to defeat the man who did this.", She proceeded to do the seals to summon the Shinigami. It's hand reached into her and into the Kyuubi it then sealed half of it in Minato and the other half in Naruto.

Minato fell to the ground on his hands and knees, gasping as the pain in his stomach unbearable. He looked at Kushina who was on the ground now she looked at him and smiled "take care of him make sure he eats healthy watch out while he's around ero- Jiraiya sensei and Lady Tsunade don't let him pick up their habits and Minato I love you."

Minato looked up at her "I love you too Kushina, we will defeat him when he returns and our son will become a great ninja" the Shinigami then took her soul and the pain in his stomach subsided. There was barely any strength left in him but he needed to see his son. He crawled to Naruto "My son you will be great." Then the world went black

The barrier dropped and Hiruzen ran forward in his battle gear. "Oh Kami Kushina no." He ran to her but knew she was gone he then ran to Minato and with relief found a pulse. " MEDICS NOW WE ARE NOT LOSING HIM TOO!" He screamed causing Naruto to wake up and begin crying. Hiruzen walked over to the newborn child and picked him up gently rocking him back and forth "there there little one you'll be ok everything will be ok" the medics appeared and quickly did a scan of Minato and Naruto.

"Both are alright Minato is just suffering from chakra exhaustion he'll wake up in the morning tired but ok. And Sarutobi-Sama they both have the eight-trigrams seal, they're both the Jinchuriki of the Kyuubi." Two of the medics then picked up Minato on a stretcher and shunshin to the hospital with Hiruzen in tow carrying Naruto.

The next morning

Minato awoke with a start "Kushina!" He screamed praying to Kami that it was all a dream. He looked around and saw he was in the hospital and saw Naruto waking up next to him. The Anbu burst into the room "Hokage-Sama is everything ok?",

"Yes I'm fine now I was just hoping that I woke up from a nightmare"

"We are sorry for your loss Hokage-Sama if you need anything we will be outside the door."

"Thank you bear, please inform Hiruzen-Dono that I have woken up I know he will want to speak with me

"Hai hokage-sama"

Minato then raised his hospital gown to inspect the new seal on his stomach. Everything seemed to be perfect he then inspected naruto's and found the same results. "Kushina I miss you already you did a fantastic job."

The aged Sarutobi walked in his face tired and drained. "Minato what happened?" Minato then told him everything of the masked man of him summoning and controlling the Kyuubi of their fight and finally of Kushina's sacrifice and his and his sons new status as jinchuriki's. "Jiraiya and Tsunade are on their way back I informed them after I brought Naruto here, they were close and should be here tomorrow at latest until then you need rest."

"No I need to talk to my people and inform them of what occurred and show that I am healthy, hopefully my status as a Jinchuriki will deter them from hating me or my son."

Hiruzen sighed and looked at Minato and saw the determination and strength return back to him "fine would you like me to send some Anbu to retrieve your clothes and some for Naruto as well?"

"Yes, and Hiruzen I'm sorry about Biwako she was an amazing medic."

The previous hokage turned to look out the window while tears began to fall down his face " I need to tell Asuma still."

The Anbu arrived with the clothing and food for all three of them. After they ate and got ready Minato picked up Naruto and teleported to hokage tower where a crowd was already formed wanting to know what happened to the Kyuubi and their Hokage.

Minato appeared in front of the building the crowd gasped slightly at the sight of his son. "Last night we suffered many losses I myself lost my wife Kushina Uzumaki." His voice was amplified so everyone could here him. More and more people joined the crowd to the point where majority of the village was in the area. A murmur spread across the crowd as no one even knew the Hokage had even been dating someone let alone married and had a child. "She sacrificed herself to seal the Kyuubi away in me and my son. We are Jinchuriki but we are not controlled by the demon as many as you believe. Kushina was the previous Jinchuriki and I know many of you were close friends with her. I love this village and its people but I will not stand for anyone disrespecting my son because they get the foolish thought that he is the Kyuubi. Repairs will begin immediately but for now the danger to this village is gone."

The was much talk around the village after that. Their Hokage was the container of the Kyuubi but he seemed the same, perhaps there was nothing to fear and he wasn't controlled by the demon. Not only that but he had a son! A son who will surely be powerful and continue to protect this village as a ninja and be as great a Shinobi as his parents. But there was also news that those who saw the Kyuubi claimed its eyes were red with three tomoes. Once Minato heard of this he immediately summoned Fugaku to the tower.

"Hokage-Sama you wished to speak with me?" The elder Uchiha said with a slight warmth.

"Fugaku you know there's no reason to address me as such, Minato is

just fine. And as to why I summoned you here, I presume you've heard the rumors spreading about the Kyuubi?"

"Yes I have, and they are disheartening there is much distrust towards the Uchiha lately."

"It was an Uchiha who controlled the Kyuubi Fugaku, but there's only one Uchiha who can do that"

"B-But that's not possible he's dead!"

"If anyone could cheat death this long it's him, there's no one strong enough to control it or with the knowledge to be able to plan out the full attack, he's done it before it wouldn't be hard to do it again."

"Madara Uchiha is back, Minato I'm sorry this man is from my clan and-"

"Please Fugaku this man does not represent the Uchiha, one evil person does not represent everyone as a whole."

"Minato thank you, I almost forgot, Mikoto and I would like you to stay at the Uchiha compound we will help with raising young Naruto while you run this village and I know it must be hard to be home."

"I haven't stepped foot in the house yet, I haven't been able to yet and yes I accept your offer, thank you my friend.

\*\*Well I didn't mean for this to be so long, they usually won't be from here on out I just wanted to have the ground basis set for the story as the next chapter will already be Naruto in the academy about to graduate there will be some flashbacks to explain stuff here and there as well. Hopefully you all enjoyed this see ya guys next time\*\*

## 2. Chapter 2 Graduation

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\*\*Wow thanks guys I was expecting honestly maybe like 2 or 3 people to actually see this so great that more did. Did not realize how short that chapter was ill try to make the next ones longer  
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\*\*Chapter 2: Graduation Day\*\*

"Naruto-kun come on get up you're going to be late!" Minato yelled at his son who was currently dead asleep upstairs in the Namikaze estate.

Minato had requested that he'd receive a house not a full compound seeing as it was just him and Kushina at the time. The house was huge to say the least three stories tall with a sub level that served as a training area. The first level served as the living, dining room, and guest area with 4 master sized bedrooms for any guests. The second level held four additional bedrooms meant for the owner and their

family two of them occupied by Minato and Naruto. The rooms were huge and had privacy and protection seals to make sure no one uninvited could sneak in, well they could but they would be attacked by various poisons and kunai. The final level held every last bit of knowledge that Minato and Kushina had on their respective clans, they even traveled to Uzushiogakure to find if there was any left over scrolls or anything of knowledge left. They had in fact found several scrolls and heirlooms which were all held there as well as scrolls passed down and written by Minato on his clan techniques and his own.

The years had been well to Minato and the only noticeable difference was that his hair was considerably longer with it reaching the middle of his back and his bangs fell just past his chin.

"Coming dad just finished getting ready." Naruto shouted as he jumped over the stairs. He wore a black shirt that served as armor due to various seals hidden on it. His Shinobi pants were a dark grey with several pockets with the same seals as his shirt. Over this he wore a black cloak with an orange flame pattern across the bottom. As much as his father tried Naruto refused to not have any orange on his attire since it was, according to him, the best color possible. On his right hand he wore a gold ring with an orange stone set in place, all along the ring were patterns of spirals in honor of the Uzumaki symbol and his mother. Minato considered the ring one of his best creations as there was two seals on it one for durability and the other one was a huge breakthrough for him, it allowed the user to transfer chakra into the stone where it would be held indefinitely until the user chose to draw it out. It could hold an indefinite amount of chakra, seeing as Naruto had huge amounts of chakra and could afford to dump copious amounts into the stone, it would be amazing for if the case should arise that he'd somehow be in a conflict and ended up with hardly any chakra.

"Alright dad I'm ready to go."

Minato went to his son and hugged him. He realized he hardly needed to bend down any as his son had gone through a growth spurt going from 4 feet 5 inches to an even 5 feet putting him at one of the tallest in his class.

"Your mother would've been proud of you Naruto, now let's head out and get you your headband, I'm so proud of you."

They walked out the door.

\*\*Other side of town\*\*

"Sasuke-kun enough training you don't want to be late or be sweaty and dirty for your graduation!" Mikoto yelled at her son who was currently training with his older brother Itachi

"Yes Sasuke-kun we need to leave soon we have to meet with Hokage-sama and Naruto-kun."

"Hn good let get there soon want to have enough time to get in a spar with the dobe" Sasuke said with a slight grin. Itachi just rolled his eyes, ever since they were young his brother and surrogate brother had a strong rivalry but it had advanced their strengths and gave them a huge drive to constantly train resulting in both being easily the strongest in their class. Itachi and Sasuke then shunshined to

the Namikaze estate meeting Minato and Naruto right as they walked out

"Ah Itachi-kun I've told you before contrary to what the elders believe, I don't need a bodyguard." After the Kyuubi incident and once Minato moved back to the Namikaze estate after spending three years at the Uchiha compound, the council deemed it necessary that Minato was to have a bodyguard with him at all times on top of the Anbu patrol. At first this manifested itself as Kakashi Hatake who was around constantly and even moved into the estate. Once he became a jounin sensei at the urging of Minato the council assigned Itachi who at the very least agreed to not move in with them.

"Sorry hoka-"

"Minato is fine Itachi you know that."

Hai, Hokage-Sama." Itachi said with a small smile on his face. During this exchange Naruto and Sasuke had been glaring daggers at each other with a thin stream of lightning flying between the two.

"Don't take it too hard when I show everyone today that I'm the better ninja Teme."

"Hn in your dreams dobe I've wiped the floor with you the last few spars."

"Alright you two try not to cause too much damage to the school please I can't deal with the paperwork." Minato then sighed and repeated more to himself than anyone else that damn paperwork.

"Alright Naruto, Sasuke good luck to both of you Itachi and I will be there when you two get out we have a surprise for the both of you IF you pass." Minato said with a smile as he saw the determination almost visibly show as tiny flames appeared in both of the boy's eyes.

Naruto then gave his father a hug and Sasuke gave Itachi a hug then gave a small bow to the Hokage and then both used a shunshin to appear in the classroom in an instant while also knocking a desk over and scattering papers everywhere.

Iruka using his head grow jutsu screamed at the two soon to be Shinobi "DAMN IT YOU TWO HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I SAID TO NOT USE THAT JUTSU IF YOU CAN'T CONTROL YOUR SPEED NOW PICK EVERYTHING UP" his head then shrank down and he gave a small smile as the Jinchuriki and the Uchiha heir scrambled to pick up the most papers. Despite their antics he had to admit it was interesting to say the least to have two students who weren't even genin yet to be able to use the shunshin among other jutsu. They had already proven in their first year to be able to do the clone jutsu so their parents had requested their exam be different than anyone else's. "Alright everyone take your seats we will now begin the exams to pass, first up is Shikamaru." He looked around and saw Shikamaru asleep already in the back of the class and proceeded to grab a piece of chalk and launch it at his head waking up the lazy Nara. Once he got him on his way he continued the exams with everyone passing perfectly, well everyone except the young Uchiha and Namikaze.

"Iruka sensei what about me and Sasuke-teme?" Naruto asked

"Shut up dobe" Sasuke said to Naruto, glaring daggers and yet again the stream of electricity sparking between the two.

"Yeah why haven't they gone Iruka how're they supposed to pass, become ninja and inevitably fall in love with me?" Sakura yelled

Both sweat dropped at this not wanting to hear the same speech again as they had heard it countless times.

"In your dreams forehead they're mine!" Ino yelled at the pinkete who then proceeded to stick her tongue out at Ino. Chouji then had to grab Ino to prevent her from attacking Sakura and causing a scene, as what usually happens almost everyday. The whole commotion was enough to wake up the lazy Nara who only uttered a simple "troublesome" before putting his head back down.

"Alright enough, Enough! ENOUGH LET ME TALK." Iruka yelled having to grow his head to comical proportions again to gain the attention of his students. It was times like these that he wondered if he would have been better off forcing the two to graduate after their first year, it sure would've saved him the trouble of girls constantly causing commotions to gain the attention of the heirs. Unfortunately for them ignoring the girls only seemed to make them try harder to gain their attention.

"Anyways if you had let me finish I was about to say that they will be given a different test seeing as they were able to perform the clone jutsu already. Now if you all would follow me outside we can finish the exams.

The student followed Iruka outside to the training grounds. "Alright Naruto, Sasuke, I was given special instructions from your parents Naruto your test will be to mak WHAT there's no possible way you know this jutsu. And Sasuke th-this isn't possible neither of you can do these tasks."

"Common Iruka sensei what's the test? We kind of need those if we want to graduate!" Naruto said to his teacher. Sasuke gave a simple nod and a "what the dobe said."

Iruka sighed, "alright Naruto your test is to make a rasengan with one hand and Sasuke you will need to perform the fireball jutsu using only the tiger seal. I don't know how either of you are possibly expected to perform these-" he stopped and could only stare at Naruto as he created a perfect rasengan and as Sasuke used the fireball jutsu using the one seal.

Naruto and Sasuke looked at him and raised their eyebrows as if to say "was that it?" Meanwhile the various girls of the class were going crazy about how cool they were. The young heirs could only roll their eyes. After Iruka came over his initial shock he could only smile at the idea of how powerful these two were. "Alright well I'm happy to say that all of you have passed, please come back inside to get your headband and tomorrow teams will be assigned first thing in the morning, I'm very proud of all of you today you begin your careers as Shinobi of Konoha and from here on out the challenges will only be tougher and tougher as your caliber as a ninja grows, today you are all adults in the eyes of the world and are no longer kids, I congratulate all of you my former students and new genin of

Konoha."

"Alright teme I think now would be a perfect time for a spar so I can kick your ass in front of everyone."

Sasuke looked over at the blond and gave a small smile " just what I was thinking dobe don't take it too hard when you lose."

They both dashed forward meeting in the middle as their fists collided creating a small shock wave where their fists collided. Both jumped back and Naruto dashed forward sliding on his knees to avoid Sasuke's punch. Immediately after his fist passed over the blonds hair he turned around aiming to punch the back of sasuke's knee. Sasuke jumped and spun connecting with Naruto's chin on a roundhouse kick sending him flying, Naruto flipped in mid-air and landed on all fours immediately pouncing back to the Uchiha. They exchanged a flurry of punches and kicks none of which connected until Naruto focused chakra into his fist then thrusted forward shouting "fuuton:Gale fist!" The attacked released sending a ball of condensed air straight into Sasuke launching him away. Taking advantage of this the young Namikaze sped forward and jumped using the same roundhouse kick the Uchiha used previously, sending him flying into the building. Sasuke bounced off the building and Naruto ran under him, grabbing his leg and slammed him down into the ground. He then began to charge chakra into his fist again for the same attack and right as he sent out the compressed air Sasuke flipped around shooting a small fireball the resulting explosion giving him enough time to get away. Naruto had quickly pulled his cloak over him protecting him of all damage from the explosion. They ran forward again and at about 20 feet from each other both simultaneously shouted "Katon: grand fireball jutsu!" The attacks flew at each other creating trenches as they moved. They collided and canceled out in an explosion that sent both heirs flying back.

"Alright you two that's enough for today" Minato said as he appeared right in between the two with Itachi appearing moments later.

"Hogake-Sama, Itachi-Sama, I'm sure you will be pleased to know that they both passed the exams." Iruka said with a small and a hint of pride in his voice.

"Did they now, well Minato I suppose they do deserve their surprises then do they not?" Itachi asked.

Minato smiled and pulled out two scrolls and tossed them to Naruto and Sasuke. "Alright boys see what's in them, I'm sure you will like them." They put a small amount of chakra into the swords and with a poof their gifts arrived; two nearly identical katanas with a gold round cross guard and for Naruto's an orange hilt and for Sasuke a black hilt. Naruto's blade had a slight green tinge to it and Sasuke's had a slight red tinge to the metal. The swords edges were serrated.

"There's special seals on them as you can see by the color, Naruto channel chakra into your blade and Sasuke you do the same." Minato said to the new genin. They did as they were told and sasuke's blade immediately lit aflame and Naruto's gained a slight blue haze around it that also lengthened the blade considerably. "Naruto yours channels wind chakra regardless if you change your chakra nature and

Sasuke yours does the same with fire. This feature can be turned off if you quickly put two burst of chakra into the blade and can be turned on the same way. The scabbards for the blades attach to your back with a special seal on them all you have to do is put it on your back and it'll stay, only you two can use your blades as I've put seals on them that prevent anyone else from using them. If someone were to well the blade would first send a jolt of electricity and then become dull."

"Thank you dad, thank you Itachi Niisan." Naruto said. Sasuke looked at his older brother and his Hokage and gave similar thanks, truly appreciating the swords and the work that must've gone into crafting them.

"Alright how does bar-b-que sound to you guys?" Minato asked them. All three agreed and they headed over to the nearest spot to celebrate.

\*\*The next day\*\*

"Alright everyone settle down I know you're all excited to see your teams now team one will consist of." Iruka went through the list of teams the reached team seven. " Alright team seven will be Naruto Namikaze, Sasuke Uchiha, and-"

Both Sakura and Ino could be seen at this point crossing their fingers and saying prayers to kami to be on that team.

"And Sakura Haruno."

"YES YES YES A TEAM WITH BOTH OF THEM TAKE THAT INO-PIG LOVE ALWAYS WINS" Sakura and Ino then proceeded to toss insults back and forth while Naruto and Sasuke dropped their heads on the desk with an audible "thud"

"Of all people we got stuck with the fan girl, of course, she better not hold me back I'm not babysitting her while we're on missions." Sasuke said

"Could be worse teme she is smart so she has that going for her, as far as everything else though...well she's book smart I should say." Naruto said with a forced cheerfulness as he attempted to find a silver lining with the pinkete being the third member.

"Alright team 8 will consist of Kiba Inuzuka, Shino Aburame, and Hinata Hyuuga." The three new team members all looked at each other and gave a smile indicating they were, with the exception of one blue haired girl, happy with the overall team.

"And team 10 will be Chouji Akimichi, Shikamaru Nara, and Ino Yamanaka." At this the blond haired girl dropped her head complaining about the team while thinking that she couldn't believe her parents were forcing them into the Ino-Shika-Cho tradition. "Troublesome woman" was all the lazy Nara had to say.

"Alright everyone get with your teams your jounin sensei's should be here any time now."

One by one their sensei's came and went until only team 7 was left, two hours after everyone else had already gone. Naruto and Sasuke,

who figured out already that their sensei had to be Kakashi as no other jounin would dare be this late, just sat and worked on chakra control exercises while Sakura switched between complaining about their sensei being late and trying to get either boy to go on a date with her. Finally after 2 and a half hours Kakashi arrived.

"YOU'RE LATE!" Sakura yelled much to the annoyance of Sasuke and discomfort of Naruto.

"Well a black cat crossed my path so I had to take the long way around" Kakashi said with his trademark eye smile.

"Your excuses are getting worse Kakashi-Niisan, you know that right?" Naruto told his and his father's former roommate and bodyguard

"Hm what was that Naruto?" Kakashi asked making his voice as sincere as possible to which Naruto could only sweat drop. "Alright team meet me on the roof." And with that the cyclops vanished in a poof of smoke.

The 3 genin quickly followed with Naruto and Sasuke leaving with a shunshin leaving Sakura behind to walk up the roof by herself.

"Finally, we've been waiting for you Sakura." Naruto said with a flat voice, while he didn't hate her like Sasuke seemed to he also didn't like her and saw her as a liability for upcoming missions. I'll have to ask her to do one on one training with me afterwards hopefully a few weeks of that should at least improve her skills enough Naruto thought.

"Alright now that we're all here how about you tell me something about yourselves hm what're your likes, dislikes, goals, things like that?" Kakashi said.

"Why don't you go first so we know what you mean." The pinkete asked her new sensei. At this question all three of the men rolled their eyes.

What's there to know the question is self explanatory. Oh well I guess I have to humor her, maybe I would've been better off watching Minato-sensei constantly. "Uh alright well I'm Kakashi Hatake I like many things as for my dislikes well I don't want to tell you those and as for my goal well that's private." Kakashi said giving an eye smile while all three of his students sweat dropped. "Alright uh pinky you go first."

She glared at him first then said "I'm Sakura Haruno, I like, well the people I like" she then glanced over to her left and right looking at her two teammates then blushed " I dislike Ino-pig and my goals" she then looked again at the two boys who only rolled their eyes.

"Uhm alright then Naruto why don't you go next."

"There's really no point Kakashi-niisan you and Sasuke already know about me."

Kakashi just sighed and looked at his student "just do the exercise Naruto"

"Alright my name is Naruto Namikaze, I like ramen, training, and beating Sasuke-teme at sparing, I dislike when tousan doesn't let me eat ramen for breakfast or when ero-sennin is being a pervert, as for my goal I want to become strong to protect the people I care about and become the greatest Hokage, even better than tousan."

"Sasuke you can go now."

"I'm Sasuke Uchiha, I like when Niisan and tousan train me and teach me new jutsu, I dislike the dobe, and my goal is to become stronger than Niisan and tousan and become clan head."

\_Alright well those two I don't have to worry about I already know their strong but Sakura on the other hand \_he then glanced up at her and saw her already attempting to get either boy to go on a date with her \_yeah that's going to be fun she's smart but as far as everything else, she needs some serious training and I highly doubt that she even knows why she wants to be a Shinobi.\_ "Alright team well that was fun, tomorrow meet me at training ground 3 at 5 in the morning and don't eat breakfast otherwise you'll throw up." Kakashi said with a hint of malice "alright see you then." He said cheerfully then disappeared in a cloud of smoke.

Naruto looked at Sakura and saw that there was a hint of fear after what Kakashi said. " you know he's lying right?"

"What? How do you know?"

"He's a ninja and not just any ninja he's a former Anbu they're trained in deceit he's obviously lying so that we show up tomorrow half starved and weak, oh and he's at the very least 3 hours late to anything so show up a few minutes before 8. Sakura if you want to join us me and teme are going to train with Itachi-Niisan with our swords, you can train with your kunai."

\_He's inviting to go with him! But it's to train I don't want them to see me sweaty and dirty though.\_ "I'll just go and watch"

"If that's all you're going to do then don't come." Sasuke said already walking away

"Alright fine I suppose I could train." \_I'll just stop once I break a sweat.\_

The trio headed towards the training ground and met with Itachi who showed the boys a new style, he and Minato had taught them different ones before using wooden swords as they had wanted them to know how to properly use the blades before they got them. After Itachi showed them a kata he worked with Sakura on her accuracy and how to throw a kunai using the least amount of energy but getting the most power from the throw. They all trained until nightfall and headed back to their respective houses.

The next morning the three genin met at the training only having to wait about 10 minutes before their sensei arrived. He had been expecting to receive looks of anger or frustration at the least but nothing and on top of that they all looked like they had just ate. He glanced over at Naruto and Sasuke and saw smug smiles on the both of them. "You know you two could at least let me have some fun." He said

slightly disheartened at the fact that they ruined what he considered "fun".

"No can do Niisan what's usually fun for you isn't fun for me, actually it usually ends in me being injured you jerk."

"Huh sorry Naruto did you say something?" He then smiled as the blonde grumbled to himself and was visibly annoyed. \_Well at least that still gets a rise out of the kid. \_"Anyways team your mission is to collect these two bells." He held them up and they chimed slightly with the wind. "Only two of you will pass the other will be sent back to the academy to redo the full fourth year."

"YOU CAN'T DO THAT TO US THAT HAS TO BE ILLEGAL."

I can and I will do it you all are now my students, well at least two of you will be, and what I says goes I am your jounin commander. Now you have till noon to get the bells and begin." Kakashi said in a cold and serious voice sounding angry and harsh. He smiled to himself though when everyone dashed away once he said begin. \_Well at least they're smart enough to do that, however Naruto and Sasuke will figure out soon that this is really about teamwork. \_

Naruto dashed away but he kept sight of where Sasuke and Sakura went. \_Three man cells don't exist only four, three genin and a jounin there's no way he can send one of us back, no he'd have to send all of us back so why did he tell us only two would pass. Wait we have to take them from him there's no way a genin can take on Kakashi, hell I can't even do that by myself me and Sasuke maybe but we're not average genin so that would mean THAT'S IT. He used the scare tactic to get us to separate and build distrusts between us one person can't do this alone the actual exercise is about teamwork. We would put ourselves aside and worry about a team as a whole that's what this exercise is about. Crap I need to find Sasuke and Sakura otherwise we won't have any chance of passing and I'm not going back to school for a year. \_After searching for a bit he finally found Sasuke and after that it wasn't too hard to find Sakura he informed them of what the exercise is actually about then they proceeded to make a plan.

\_Hm it's already been half an hour and I haven't any of them. I'd like to read my book but that's not going to be possible with Naruto and Sasuke here.\_ He heard a rustle in the bushes and Naruto walked out "You know while you may be good you're not strong enough to take me one by yourself."

"I'm never by myself Kakashi you know that." His hands went into a familiar cross shape and he shouted "shadow clone jutsu!" Two copies of him appeared and all three unsheathed their swords, one of the naruto's slashed horizontally across shouting "fuuton: wind slash" a large wave of wind with the cutting power of the blade flew at Kakashi who then jumped in the air. "You're going to have to do better than that Naruto!" One of the clones had been condensing the air underneath his feet and once Kakashi was at his peak the clone jumped "fuuton: compression jump" the air pressure released as the clone jumped launching it into the air. Right when he was slightly below Kakashi the clone performed the same attack timing it so that Kakashi would fall into the deadly crescent of wind. It appeared that the attack hit severing his knees from his body but as he hit the floor a poof of smoke appeared at the spot and when it cleared a severed log laid in his place.

\_Hm that was good but he's working by himself still I'd have thought for sure they figured it out.\_ Just at that moment he heard the distinct sound of a blade being drawn and he flew out of the tree that was serving as his hiding, a large wave of fire chasing after him. The jounin landed on the ground with Naruto in front of him and Sasuke behind him.

"Dobe now!"

Naruto and Sasuke charged at Kakashi holding their blades behind them. "Fuuton: severing tornado" Naruto shouted as he jumped and spun in a circle landing with his sword point forward, a large tornado appeared and flew forward destroying the ground as it moved forward. The same Naruto did this Sasuke jumped and slashed downward shouting "Katon: tremor explosion" as his blade hit the ground a red crack appeared moving fast towards Kakashi. He raised the blade shouting "release" creating an explosion that connected with the tornado causing an even larger explosion destroying the area Kakashi had been occupying. At the last moment he had shunshined into the tree. He smiled to himself as that certainly counted as teamwork. He then felt a kunai against his head.

"Got you Kakashi sensei you shouldn't have let your guard down." Sakura said a large smile appearing on her face.

Kakashi smiled and shunshined to the middle of the field. Sakura jumped down and the boys stood by on guard still. "You all pass. The point of the exercise as you've figured out was to work together. In this Shinobi world those who break the rules are scum but those who abandon their comrades are worse than scum this exercise was to make sure you all could put yourselves aside and worry about the team as a whole I'm proud of the three of you. We are now officially team 7 congratulations.

\*\*Hopefully you all liked this if there's anything that I did wrong or just have CONSTRUCTIVE criticism tell me please again this is my first story so any advice is welcome thank you all. I should update again in a few days for the most part I know how I want this story to go so I should update within a few days constantly, although the new update for destiny did just come out...\*\*

### 3. Chapter 3

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### Chapter 3

"You know when we became Genin I thought we'd be going on exciting missions saving lives kicking bandit's asses, not CHASING AFTER THIS DAMN CAT TWICE A DAY FOR THE 10TH DAY IN A ROW." Naruto screamed as he Sasuke and Sakura were currently chasing after the bane of all genin teams: Tora the cat. "COME HERE YOU STUPID CAT." Naruto shouted as he leaped forward, arms outstretched in a vain attempt to catch the cat as Tora just gained a burst of speed just barely running away from being captured. The young Namikaze coughed and sputtered

grumbling under his breath as he got a face full of dirt from crashing into the ground instead of catching the cat.

"You're father is the fastest Shinobi alive, you'd think that his son would've inherited that speed!" Sasuke shouted at Naruto as he ran forward continuing the chase with Tora.

"Stupid teme stupid cat stupid lady who loves that damn cat too much, alright teme wants to see speed fine." Naruto then stood up and closed his eyes as he concentrated and focused chakra, sending it to all his limbs. He opened his eyes and then he was gone. He appeared several yards in front of Sasuke, stopping just inches away from crashing into a tree, with Tora in his arms. He had been working on that technique, a slightly more advanced form of the Shunshin by pumping more chakra into his body giving him double the speed of a usual shunshin but also less control than he already had as it gave him awful tunnel vision to the point where he couldn't distinctly see what was in front him, so up until this try it ended with him crashing into a tree, going through a few several times.

"Was that fast enough teme?"

"Hn" was the Uchiha's only response. He was about to say something else but Sakura had caught up to them and immediately ran right to Naruto's side. "That was so cool Naruto-kun you looked just like the Hokage running that fast that was great."

"Yeah uh thanks Sakura." Naruto said as he attempted to slowly scooch away from his rather affectionate teammate. Luckily for him their sensei arrived as his team had completed their last mission of the day and it was time to turn all of them in and receive their pay, and he had a special surprise for the three genin who had been completing nothing but D ranks, several a day at that, for close to 3 weeks now.

"Naruto be careful with that technique you were inches away from going head first through that tree."

"Yeah I know sensei I'm still working on it."

The four of them walked back to the center of the village, giving Tora back to the fire daimyÅ's wife on their way to the mission return center next to Hokage tower. After they turned in all the missions they had completed that day and then received their pay, Kakashi turned to his team with an eye smile on his face and said "Alright team I have a little surprise for you all, as of today we've done enough D ranks to be allowed to complete a C-rank, we have an escort mission and we are leaving tomorrow morning."

"FINALLY, I finally get to test my skills against someone." Naruto shouted enthusiastically while jumping in the air.

"Ah ah ah Naruto it's a C-rank escort so hopefully we won't encounter anyone, it should be straight-forward we accompany our client to the Land of Waves and watch him as he finishes building a bridge then we come back, simple."

At this Naruto, Sasuke, and even Sakura actually looked disappointed, though she looked less than the boys did.

"Alright team we're leaving at 6 in the morning go home let your families now and pack I'll see you all tomorrow." And with a smile and a wave Kakashi was gone in a puff of smoke.

"Naruto-kun do you want to go-"

"Sorry Sakura I have to go train and uhh pack."

"Ohâ€| Sasuke-kun do you want to go out to eat right now?" She turned and saw that Sasuke was already gone. She then looked back at Naruto with an almost pleading look in her eyes.

\_Great I guess I have to go with her stupid teme could have at least told her no or give a reason as to why he couldn't I can't just walk off now after that she'd probably be crushed.\_ "Alright Sakura where do you want to-AHH" before the Namikaze could finish his sentence Sakura grabbed his hand and ran taking off at full speed with Naruto trailing behind her trying to get his footing after being dragged so forcefully so fast.

After a few minutes they arrived at Naruto's favorite place, Ichiraku Ramen.

"I know this is your favorite place Naruto-kun so I figured this would be the best place for our first date." Sakura said with hearts in her eyes while Naruto blushed a deep red hue.

"Listen Sakura this isn't a date so much as just two uhh comrades getting something to eat, more like team bonding ok?" He didn't want her getting the wrong idea, while he did think that she was cute she was still a fangirl and still a weak link in their chain, not someone that he wanted to date or consider dating at the moment.

"Oh, alright Naruto just continue to play hard to get, I'll get you on a real date with me one of these days." She said with a smile. Naruto smiled back at her, after that they ordered and ate their meal doing rather little talking as Sakura just enjoyed his company while Naruto wasn't too sure what to talk about. Once they finished eating Naruto paid for the food and told Sakura goodbye.

It was already late at night when he got home, the lights on showing that Minato was already home as well.

"Tousan I'm home!"

Minato teleported down to the first story of their house, right in front of Naruto, who had a huge smile on his face as he knew his dad as given them their mission. "Thank you for the mission tousan, but Kakashi sensei told me that we probably won't get too fight at all."

"What have I told you Naruto? Don't actively go out seeking violence and enjoy the peace. Fighting and violence and hate should never be sought after, but that's not to say you shouldn't always be prepared for it. That's why we train and get stronger, not to seek it out but to be able to protect our precious people when it does find us."

At this Naruto looked down and offered an apology as his father had told him this same speech before. He had told him that he was so similar to his mother who was constantly getting into fights and

could be somewhat hot-headed and quick to temper at times. He had told him this with a smile though and said to not change, but tone it down a little which Naruto had been working on, he was just excited for his first actual mission outside of the village.

Minato grabbed his son in a hug and ruffled his hair, eliciting a laugh from his son. Despite being considered an adult by most already his son was still 12 and after this mission he would assign them more and more C-ranks where he will fight and inevitably take a life and then soon after B's the A's until he was taking S-ranks and all traces of this innocence and childish would be gone so he'd be damned if he didn't cherish every moment of spending time with his son while he still had his innocence.

"Alright you need to go pack Naruto and don't forget to store more chakra into your ring, if you complete this mission I'm going to teach you a new training method sounds good?"

"How about that and a new jutsu?"

"Hmmmmmm no"

Naruto fell on his face at this response, once he picked himself back up he glared at his father "why not?"

"Because with this new technique you'll be able to learn everything much faster than you were before so this alone is enough reward."

"Ah you can't teach it to me now? Please tousan please?"

"Hmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm no" Minato said then laughed as his son once again fell on his face. "You have to complete your mission this is your reward for completing it not being assigned it."

Naruto looked at his dad with a frown then sighed as said he needed to pack he ran up to his room while Minato teleported back to the training room where he was currently working on perfecting the rasengan. After all these years he was still having difficulty combining the jutsu with a chakra nature, given he didn't get to work on it as often as he liked due to his duties as Hokage and training his son taking up a good majority of his time.

He created a rasengan in his right hand then put his left hand right over it and applied wind nature chakra too it. At first nothing then he heard a slight humming sound and then small blades protruded out of the sphere. And then, like every attempt previous, the jutsu exploded and he landed on his back with tears in his clothing. "Ah well attempt 25 failure as well." It was at this point he felt a surge of chakra that filled him with dread. He instantly teleported to his son's room as the only time he had felt something similar was the Kyuubi itself. When he got to Naruto's room he saw that his son was in a deep meditation and he was drawing on the Kyuubi's chakra and immediately sending it to the ring.

"Naruto! NARUTO!" His son was still in meditation but with the demonic chakra flowing around him it was too dangerous to touch him. Thankfully his son was only in this state for another minute before he opened his eyes to see his dad staring at him with a questioning

look.

"I'm assuming you're wondering what I was doing?"

"Yes I was, if you were to draw on the chakra with the amount you've put in the ring you'd immediately lose control to the fox so what exactly are you trying to accomplish?"

"You said I should have chakra stored in here in case of an emergency, well if I'm in a fight that actually drains me then something is definitely wrong so I've been working on a jutsu that will allow me to shoot rapid bursts of the chakra out of the ring, a final trump card that packs one hell of a punch similar to bijuuudama but on a much smaller scale that also shoots much faster."

His father thought about this technique, if his son were weakened from chakra exhaustion then it would be safe to assume that an enemy rather than killing him with a jutsu would get up close and use a ninja tool to finish the job. If they were that close then all Naruto would have to do would be to raise his fist to the enemy and shoot, being at close enough range the blast wouldn't even explode instead would just go right through someone. He looked down and smiled at his son "well hopefully you won't have to resort to that technique but it is a very effective one."

Naruto smiled and told his father that he needed to finish packing and then go to sleep. His father again ruffled his hair and told him to be careful then he teleported back to the training area to continue his project.

The next morning the Jinchuriki jumped out of bed, got dressed, grabbed his pack, and headed out opting to, like his godfather, take the window. The second he hit the ground he took off in a sprint to the gate. Kakashi was already there being early for once and soon the other members of their team arrived. After about 10 minutes after everyone arrived their client, their bridge builder, arrived.

"Alright team this is our client Tazuna."

"You know when I paid for an escort I was expecting actual ninja like you not 3 children who are still wet behind their ears and their babysitter." As the man said all of this they could almost see the alcohol on his breath as even a civilian standing far away could probably smell it while he talked.

Kakashi, choosing to answer for his team as they all seemed rather angry and offended for being called children said "I assure you Tazuna-San my team is more than capable for this mission and if anything should go wrong I am an elite, a jounin so everything will be ok."

"Hmph right well let's get going then we're wasting daylight." The old bridge builder answered before he began to walk off out of the gates."

The group followed after him and continued to walk. At his current pace they should arrive at the land before the sun set. The group continued walking with nothing occurring for a few hours until Naruto spotted a puddle in the middle of the path.

\_It hasn't rained in days there's no way that's natural, and I can sense a chakra signature these guys are really bad but tousan has told me before the fall of great ninja comes from being too arrogant I shouldn't underestimate these guys.\_ After thinking this Naruto then tossed a sideways glance at Sasuke, they gave each other a subtle nod and continued walking past the puddle. Once they passed Sasuke and Naruto sent chakra to their ears to better hear and after about 10 steps they heard something make a slight ripple on the water and then heard the sound of a chain.

Kakashi jumped in front of everyone, "Protect the bridge builder!" He charged at the demon brothers who managed to get their chain around the jounin and pulled splitting him in pieces. Naruto saw the log fall though and knew Kakashi was testing them. "Sakura protect him!" Naruto and Sasuke then drew their blades and charged at the brothers."

"What're you kids going to do we just killed your sensei you guys have no chance." The brothers ran at them with their claws, aiming to hit their hearts. Both boys stopped the attack with their swords and held the brothers at a stand still. Naruto swung up, throwing the his opponents arm upwards, then charging chakra through his blade swung down cutting right through the chain the brothers had connecting them. Naruto ducked as the brother slashed and then he thrusted forward. The brother jumped back and to the side but Naruto's blade was extended with wind chakra and so he caught the brother on the side, the wind blade sliding right through his flesh. "Argh, you're dead kid you hear me I'm going to cut your head right from your damn shoulders." Naruto looked at him and smiled then he charged and jumped over the brother creating a shadow clone in mid air. They kicked off of each other one in front and the other behind their opponent. "I'd give up now if I were you otherwise you're going to die." The brother charged at the Naruto in front of him who he once again attempted to slash at and was stopped by Naruto's blade. The brother looked behind him and saw the clone running at him. He jumped at the last second avoiding the deadly swipe the clone had made. Seeing an opening he ran at Sakura and the bridge builder. Naruto saw this and focused chakra to his entire body and ran forward his sword held pointing forward at his side with both hands. He didn't see as the sword ran his opponent through as the speed blurred his vision. He only stopped when he felt warm liquid on his hand. The sudden stop caused the brother to jolt forward off Naruto's blade and face first on the ground. He dropped his sword and his whole body became shaky. He looked down and saw the blood covering his hands then he looked forward and saw the life giving liquid in a large pool around the now dead demon brother. His breathing came in short spurts and he almost yelled when he felt a hand on his shoulder. He looked up and saw Kakashi looking down on him with a sadness in his eyes.

"It's ok Naruto it's ok, he would've killed Sakura and the bridge builder if you hadn't done that, we are Shinobi and we must kill in our line of work otherwise we will be killed, that being said it should never come easily we are not emotionless killing machines. Are you ok Naruto?"

"Ye-yeah I will be." He then looked around and saw two other Kakashis, one with Sasuke who was standing over the other demon brother who was covered in burn marks and cauterized blade slashes, probably giving Sasuke the same speech, and the other one was with

Sakura and the bridge builder. Sasuke's eyes were wide and he was shaking as well. The trio regrouped and the two extra Kakashi disappeared.

"Alright Tazuna those were B-rank missing-nin now tell me everything or me and my team leave you here right now. Tazuna then told them of Gato and how he was destroying his home and the bridge was their only chance. Kakashi sighed and looked down at his team, their faces telling him everything he needed to know.

"Alright Tazuna let's go we will continue to protect you."

The group walked and after a while a mist surrounded the group after walking a few more miles they could see a lake in the distance and a boat close by them. Tazuna boarded the boat and Kakashi told them all to stay hidden as Gato had guards keeping watch for Shinobi everywhere. After a short boat ride they arrived to the other side of the lake and got out.

"Alright we're not too far from my house." As he said that Naruto threw a kunai into the bushes and a white rabbit came running out with its eyes wide open.

"What the hell are you doing do-"

"EVERYONE GET DOWN!" Kakashi yelled grabbing Tazuna as he dropped to the floor as a huge cleaver like blade flew overhead and imbedded itself in the tree right next to them. A tall ninja wearing only black pants and striped leg and arm warmers landed on the giant cleaver like sword.

"Ah Kakashi Hatake of the Sharingan eye and his brats, I'm assuming you killed the demon brothers then." The mysterious ninja said in a deep and raspy voice.

"Zabuza Momochi otherwise known as the demon of the mist, Naruto, Sasuke, Sakura surround Tazuna protect him." I can't afford to hold back against him I have to end this fast and soon while Naruto and Sasuke are skilled they can't fight someone like this. He then reached up and lifted his hitai-ate up revealing the blood red eye with three tomoe surrounding it.

What?! Whose eye is that? Itachi or Otoisan have never said anything about anyone outside of the clan having an sharingan.

"Revealing the eye already Kakashi? I feel honored that you are going all out in this fight. Hahaha it's been awhile since I've been in a fight against another elite Shinobi. Let's see what you've got Kakashi!" Zabuza shouted as he jumped down grabbing the handle of his blade and ripping it from the tree as he ran at full speed at his opponent. Kakashi drew a kunai and charged it with raton chakra and blocked the downwards strike inches before it cleaved his head in two. After a stalemate in strength the two Shinobi jumped away from each other and at the exact same time started an incredibly long chain of seals Kakashi copying and doing the seals Zabuza was performing instantly. The team of genin could only stare in awe at the ability of Kakashi, to be able to copy those seals in an instance, there was absolutely no delay in their execution of seals. "Suiton: Water dragon Jutsu!" Both Shinobi shouted at the same exact time creating identical dragons that crashed into each other

showering everyone. A faint outline of a smile could be seen under the wrappings on the demons face as he performed another seal and two clones of Zabuza rose from the puddles closest to the trio. In an instant Sasuke and Naruto had their blades drawn, the water everywhere was creating steam once it made contact with sasuke's blade making it much harder for him to see. He sent two short burst turning the fire off then he channeled chakra to his blade so it would still have added strength and sharpness. The clones did and overhead swing crashing into the two genins swords causing them to sink into the wet ground. Naruto sent chakra to his right arm giving him enough strength to let go with his left arm and create a rasengan thrusting forward into the clone dispelling it but still receiving a gash on his shoulder as his arm gave out at the last second. He ran towards Sasuke who was still barely managing to hold off the clone. He already had a few minor gashes on his body. Naruto pointed his sword forward and extended the length with wind chakra as fast as he could attempting to get the clone across its back. Unfortunately the clone kicked Sasuke away and jumped away out of harm's way.

"Kakashi those brats of yours are better than I thought the blond one was able to take out one of them already and the other one hasn't died yet either." Zabuza said as he and Kakashi again clashed against each other, Zabuza with his blade and Kakashi with two kunai now.

"Katon: fireball jutsu!" Both Sasuke and Naruto shouted trapping the clone with no way to escape. The two infernos collided then dispersed leaving only steam in the air where the clone had been.

Zabuza and Kakashi continued in a fierce me jutsu match but Zabuza was getting the upper hand it had been a while since Kakashi had fought with a sword, he was out of practice and Zabuza was gaining the advantage. Kakashi swung down as he swung up. Kakashi held the blade down then sent lightning chakra through his kunai into Zabuza's blade electrocuting the demon of the mist. He screamed in agony as it burned him. He let go then stomped on the handle sending the blade up break Kakashi's guard. He delivered a savage kick to Kakashi's torso and smiled as he felt at least one rib snap as the kick sent him into the lake. The demon then disappeared and reappeared behind the genin and behind Tazuna. Right as he was about to strike Naruto and Sasuke turned and thrust forward nearly getting the demon. He was again gone and appeared next to Sasuke who he picked up and threw into a tree knocking him out as he his his head. Sakura ran at him with a kunai to which Zabuza just laughed and delivered a swift blow to her stomach dropping her leaving her deprived of air. "Just you now blondie if I were you I'd move away and let me kill the drunk, you'll live longer that way."

Naruto looked at the man and realized how out classes he was. One look and he felt fear but he felt one other thing, the one thing he pulled on and drew out creating a small shapeless shroud around him of orange chakra that turned his eyes red and gave his pupils a slit appearance. "A Jinchuriki huh well this will be fun then." Zabuza swung the cleaver and Naruto not only blocked the attack but also cut a bit into the blade as his sword now had demonic chakra running through it increasing its strength and cutting power ten fold. Naruto then disappeared and reappeared behind Zabuza, his speed would be almost impossible for most genin and some chunin to follow.

  Hmm the boy is almost as fast as Haku.   Naruto then kicked forward,

Zabuza spun around and stabbed the tip of the blade into the ground blocking the kick. No he's faster than Haku as he is now, this will be fun. The demon lifted the blade and spun it throwing Naruto off balance and open. Zabuza dashed forward delivering an elbow to the demonic boy's stomach and then he spun delivering a savage roundhouse to his chin sending Naruto flying away. As he was walking toward the frightened Tazuna Kakashi jumped from the lake shouting "raton: Lightning gun!" He pointed at Zabuza with his index and middle finger and a bolt of fast moving electricity shot towards Zabuza who jumped away narrowly missing the attack. As he landed he heard behind him in a deep savage voice \*\*"Secret technique: demonic ring multiple blasts!" \*\*Zabuza took off sprinting as Naruto who was now making a fist and pointing towards Zabuza shot off blasts of chakra that created small explosions as they made contact with solid objects. Naruto got one right in front of the Shinobi forcing him to jump over it, Naruto then shot at him again, just barely grazing his leg, causing the demon to yell while he was propelled into a tree, the pain as the chakra burn and poison was almost instant raked through him. Kakashi took advantage of this and threw several kunai into his arms and legs pinning him to the tree and causing him to yell again in pain. Kakashi walked over to him holding a kunai.

"This is your last battle Zabuza, make your peace now." Kakashi said as he raised his kunai holding it right to his heart. Right as he was about to plunge the blade into him two senbon came flying in stabbing the demon in the neck electing a groan from his as his head fell forward and his body slumped, held up only by the kunai. Kakashi turned around and saw a hunter-nin standing in the trees.

"Thank you for your help in taking down the demon, lord Yagura will be very happy as he has many secrets of kiri." The hunter dropped down and removed the kunai then picked up his body and threw it over their shoulder. Sasuke and Sakura came to at this point and looked up seeing the hunter nin disappear and the last wisps of red chakra fade away from Naruto.

"Kakashi Sensei!" "Naruto-kun!" Was all Kakashi and Naruto heard before both of their worlds went black.

\*\*Well that was a longer one, took longer than I expected too but as usual let's continue to get this story spread. I hope y'all liked this and if not leave a comment on what I could do better see you all next time, after the next chapter I will reveal the pairing as well see you guys next time. \*\*

#### 4. Chapter 4

\*\*Hopefully you guys liked that last chapter the land of waves arc will be finished here then I'll probably jump right into the chunin exams, there's not much need for filler this early into the story and I have a few surprises I'm working out for the chunin exams as well after the next chapter you guys should have a pretty good idea of who the pairing will be hopefully you guys like this one.\*\*

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"They're waking up!"

"Are they ok?"

"Serves them right trying to be heroes against Gato."

"Inari go to your room!"

All the voices blurred together and sounded far away to the young Jinchuriki, it was the pain in his right hand that brought him to. It was right on his ring finger was a dull burning sensation that came in clearly at first then the voices came in clearer and clearer and then his eyes opened and the first thing he saw was Sakura who was inches from his face. "Gah, Sakura what are you doing?!" He felt his face turn red.

"Just making sure you're ok Naruto-kun you and Kakashi sensei scared us, me and Sasuke-kun had to carry him back and Tazuna carried you."

"Kakashi sensei." Naruto said while sitting up and quickly scanned the room finally landing on his sensei who was still laying down but had his head turned so he could look at Naruto. "Kakashi sensei are you ok?"

"Yeah I'm fine Naruto just a little case of chakra exhaustion." He said with an eye smile.

"Tch he can't move he woke up about 30 minutes before you and wasn't able to move at all." Sasuke said.

"How long have we been out?"

"Only a couple of hours not too long." Sasuke said

Naruto took off his ring to inspect the burning there. The skin was still raw and red but not as bad as it must've been after he first used it. Hmm have to have tousan look at that this could be problematic later on if I continue to use it or use it too much in one go. He then channeled his regular chakra into the ring and the burning went away and his finger healed almost instantly. The seals can't properly filter out bijuu chakra tousan should be able to fix that but I'm going to have to bear with it until we get back.

"Kakashi you said you have chakra exhaustion right?"

"Yes why?"

Naruto then channeled more chakra into the ring and made a fist pointing at Kakashi. Wisps of chakra were visible as they arced into the stone then flew out in a thin stream into Kakashi.

"Tell me when you have enough chakra sensei."

The seals on the ring also allowed chakra to be shared between Naruto and others so he could also replenish their chakra supplies if the need were to arise.

After a few minutes Kakashi was able to sit up then after about 5 he was able to stand and told Naruto to cut the flow. Even after all that Naruto hadn't even broken a sweat or looked tired at all.

"Ah much better thank you Naruto."

Before Naruto could respond Tazuna yelled from downstairs that breakfast was ready, making the team realize how hungry they all actually were.

"Tsunami these are the ninja that I hired to save us the adult is Kakashi, the pink one is Sakura, the one with black hair is Sasuke, and the blond one is Naruto."

"Pleasure to meet you all, thank you for coming to our aid, as you know by now Gato will destroy this place and it will become just another source of money for that evil man." Tsunami said with a hint of sadness in her voice.

"Don't worry Tsunami-san we will defeat Gato and save this place." Naruto said with a smile that quickly fell from his face as a little boy came down from the stairs and shouted at them with tears in his eyes "You all are idiots there's no such thing as a hero, Gato will kill you all and then he will continue with his plans you all should just leave before you die."

"Inari! Enough of that." Tazuna yelled at his grandson. Inari then ran up to his room and slammed the door shut with a loud bang.

"I'm sorry about that, Inari's step-father was killed in a public execution, he was considered a hero by the people of this land and seeing him killed like that for trying to oppose Gato destroyed Inari, and the people's hope. Many of them had given up until my father began to build the bridge, bringing everyone's hope back but Inari, well you've just seen how he is still." Tsunami said, tears threatening to fall down her face.

"We will defeat him and with that bring back Inari's hope I promise you that Tsunami-san." Kakashi said looking at the hopeful faces of his team. The team then ate their breakfast made by Tsunami then went out into the woods to train, Kakashi needed to work on their team work somewhere and teach Sakura chakra control techniques and hopefully some jutsu.

"Alright Naruto, Sasuke I'm fairly sure you both know how to tree walk." Both boys nodded "Alright Sakura I need to work on that with you, in the meantime I want both of you to work on chakra control exercises, your chakra control can never be too good and I have a few jutsu I want to teach you, I have a 1000 after all." He said with an eye smile. The boys then went to work sticking as many leaves as possible to their bodies while running on water as there was a small pond next to where they were training at. Kakashi then showed Sakura the tree walking exercise and told her how to accomplish it and to his shock she made it up halfway on the first time. \_She has incredible chakra control it shouldn't take too long for her to get this down, she'd be good with genjutsu and any techniques that are within her capabilities should be learned rather fast, I wish I had chakra papers with me so I could start her off on her elemental training. I want to train the boys in another jutsu I'll teach Naruto a wind jutsu and Sasuke another fire, their collaborations are good

another one won't hurt.\_

The copy-ninja looked out at the boys running on water and Sakura running up the tree steadily getting farther each time. He figured no better time than now to read his book and he plopped down next to a tree and pulled his book out. After an hour he heard someone walking over to him and looked up seeing Sakura. He then looked behind her and saw a slash across the very top of the tree. He called the boys over as well from their chakra exercises. "Alright team Zabuza isn't dead." There wasn't a look of shock on any of their faces. "We figured that, hunter-nin don't use senbon and they didn't strike the jugular or his spine, the fake hunter-nin is his partner." Sasuke said

"Yes exactly and it takes skill to throw senbon for precision like that, they could have very easily hit somewhere vital and well that would be the end of the demon so Sakura I'm going to work with you on your taijutsu and Naruto, Sasuke I'm going to teach you both new jutsu for a collaboration technique, Naruto I'll teach you wind bullet and Sasuke I'll teach you fire bomb, combined that should create a very fast, very deadly firestorm. Kakashi then created two clones to go work with each genin. The main one went with Sakura as he felt she needed his attention the most.

"Alright Sakura I'm going to block and I want you to hit me dead center of the block with everything you have I need to see how strong you are first."

She nodded then reared back and threw a punch forward pushing Kakashi back by 5 feet, surprising the hell out of him. \_She's strong if she keeps working at this her strength will be quite devastating, not something anyone would want to be on the receiving end of.\_ With this knowledge in mind Kakashi began teaching her a new taijutsu style as she only knew of the one taught at the academy. This style focused on fast and powerful punches that aimed at vital points on the body to disable and kill opponents. He wanted her to at least have the style first and then work on her speed as her expertise grew.

One of the clones took Naruto aside and showed him the jutsu first then the seals. "Alright Naruto I want you to get to the point where you don't have to hit your stomach to launch the bullet, this will decrease the time it will take to launch the attack and if you don't have to rely on that to propel the bullet the strength of it should be better than if you did rely on hitting your stomach. So I want you to perform the seals then immediately take in as much air as you can hold. While doing this focus the chakra to your lungs at first and hold it there, form it into a ball holding the air together then just like exhaling but not everything at once release a small portion of it trail the chakra up your throat and have everything explode out of your mouth." Naruto did all of this and his first attempt a small ball of compressed air shot out and dented into a tree.

"Alright good you have the general idea of it. Now just have to get everything down into its final form just keep practicing, but that was a good first attempt."

The clone with Sasuke took him to the edge of the pond as they were in the woods and didn't want to set the place aflame.

"Alright Sasuke you should have a pretty good grasp of fire jutsu,

this one is more like a combination of the Phoenix flower jutsu and the fireball jutsu. You start off as you would with the Phoenix flower jutsu but then add more chakra and create only one ball of fire. Condense the chakra down and focus on increasing the strength while creating the ball as small as possible then shoot it out as fast as possible when it collides with an object it should expand then explode. The more power the larger the explosion." Kakashi then performed the technique shouting "Katon: fire bomb jutsu" launching the small ball into the water. Nothing happened at first then all of the water around where the ball had landed shot up violently.

"Alright now that you've seen it you try." Sasuke did as he was told and shot out a larger ball into the water. The explosion was less than Kakashi's but still a decent size. "Good you have the general idea just work on condensing it and shooting it faster, Naruto's wind bullet will be flying quite fast so you won't have much time to combine them."

The trio worked on their new techniques all day until night fell and it was time to go back to tsunami's house. Each genin was making fast progress with their skills but Tazuna went back to building the next day meaning one of them would go with Kakashi to help keep watch while the other two stayed and trained.

"Alright dinner is ready everyone." tsunami said as the team walked into the house.

Four thank yous' were heard as each member of the team gave one.

"Sakura do you have any problems with keeping watch with me tomorrow?" Kakashi asked.

"No sensei that's fine and I can still train some while we're watching." This mission had really put things in perspective for the girl as she had been completely useless in both fights and had to rely on her two "loves" to rescue her. She knew they wouldn't love someone weak and so promised herself that she'd begin taking this seriously and train hard to get strong enough for one or both, preferably both, to fall in love

"I'm going back out to train a little more Kakashi sensei." Naruto announced just as he finished his food. He then washed and put the plate away before leaving to go back into the woods where he would train until falling asleep out there.

A girl, maybe a year or two older than Naruto, wearing a pink kimono that had designs of flowers on them, was walking around the woods. She was carrying a woven basket on her left arm that had been filled with various herbs and by the looks of it she was still looking for others. That is until she saw someone asleep in the grass. \_That's the boy who injured Zabuza-sama. Because of him he was suffering chakra poisoning, I almost lost him from that, if he had any less chakra the poison would've killed him. \_She then pulled out two senbon and put them between her fingers. As she was about to throw them Naruto stirred and quick as lightning she hid the weapons and walked out in front of him.

Naruto woke up to seeing a beautiful girl right in front of him. As he was just barely waking up and not thinking properly he muttered angel causing the girl to turn a shade of red. He opened his eyes and

turned beet red at the realization of what he just said. He immediately shot up causing the girl to stumble back slightly.

"Uh hello there." Naruto said with a hint of curiosity in his voice.

"I'm sorry for disturbing you, I was out here collecting herbs and well it's not all too often you see someone asleep out in the woods."

"Ah yeah hehe I kinda fell asleep out here after training."

"Ah you're a Shinobi?"

He looked around and saw the signs of destruction from him trying to perfect the drilling wind bullet. Yeah pretty obvious that I'm one.

"Yes I am" he said with a smile and pride in his voice.

"You must be very powerful, the damage to this area is quite impressive."

"Hehe thanks I'm always trying to get stronger, if I may ask why are you out here?"

"I'm out collecting different herbs"

"What're they for?"

"My father was attacked by Gato's men, we don't have enough money to go to the doctors but I know a bit about which plants help along healing."

Missions are supposed to be kept secret from others but these people need hope and need to know Gato's control over this place will soon end. These people don't need to live in fear any more and what can be the harm she's a civilian and she's been affected by Gato and his men even more than others. "I'm on a mission actually, in a few days you won't have to be afraid of Gato, I'm here to protect the bridge builder."

"You're so young taking on such a task can't be easy for you."

"I'm a Shinobi, the second I earned my hitai-ate I became an adult, age itself doesn't matter in this life there's children who are stronger than my sensei and taking on this mission will make me stronger as well."

"Why do you want to get stronger? Do you have someone precious in your life?"

Images flashed through his head of his friends and family. "Yeah I have a lot of people that are precious to me that I want to be able to protect one day."

"That's good you find true strength when you fight for someone precious other than yourself you push more and use everything that you have to protect them."

"Yeah I believe that too."

"I don't believe I know your name? I'm Haku."

"Naruto."

"Well Naruto I enjoyed talking to you, I must be on my way though, my father is expecting me back soon."

"I'd like to talk to you again soon Haku, maybe tomorrow around the same time?"

"Maybe Naruto I do hope so, and just so you know, I'm a boy."

The blond froze at this then focused chakra to his nose. "Hm no you're not, I thought I smelled something before but now I know for sure it's coming from you, you're wearing a perfume and actually there's a faint outline of bindings under your kimono." He said with a small grin as his new friend seemed taken aback by this.

"Well you are observant, I say that because-"

"Because of Gato's men right?"

"Yes because of them."

The new friends parted ways and walked back to where they were expected.

"Where were you at dobe?"

"Just training teme, you need to pick up the slack otherwise my jutsu will over power yours."

He looked over at Naruto and saw he seemed to be distracted, and the grin he had on wasn't the same one he wore while he insulted Sasuke. "Hn" was his response as Naruto walked away.

The days passed by and each morning Naruto and Haku met with each other and talked and talked, just about anything. He began to trust her more and told her bits and pieces of his life while she did the same revealing that she and her father were refugees from kiri to escape the war. They hadn't been fearful or held hate for bloodline users and so they were forced to flee or be executed. He told her that his mother was killed shortly after he was born and of his rivalry with Sasuke and general life as a ninja. They talked about their interests and hopes and wants for the future, for Naruto to become Hokage and for Haku to finally find a peaceful life and protect anyone she would come to find precious. He didn't know when it had happened but after awhile he couldn't see her without blushing at first and after that he realized she was the prettiest girl he'd ever seen. She soon began blushing almost every time they made eye contact. But the thought kept lingering in the back of her head, making it hurt when she looked at him. She knew she would have to fight him soon but hopefully she could fight him before Zabuza got to him at least that way he'd live. She was so angry with herself to let him slowly worm his way into her and become someone she cared for.

The days soon came and went until it was their last meeting, Kakashi

had told the team the night before to be prepared, Zabuza had enough time to heal and he'd be making his move soon. Haku knew they were attacking the next day and she was so tempted to tell him everything but she steeled herself and held her tongue, they were so close to accomplishing Zabuza's, and as a byproduct her, goal, to finally assassinate Yagura and take back control of Kiri. They needed the money from this job though so they could get the last resources they needed. The ends justified the means as Zabuza told her when she was required to kill.

"Haku-chan"

"Naruto-kun" they both said at the same time. "Go first Naruto."

"Our mission should be over soon, so there's a possibility that I won't be able to see you, so this is it. Thank you Haku-chan for everything."

"Thank you as well Naruto-kun, maybe we will see each other soon."

He went in to hug her but at the last moment she put her hands on his face and pulled him in. Their lips met. His brain shut off for a few seconds then after he realized what was happening he closed his eyes and kissed her back their arms wrapping around each other in a tight embrace. For a moment nothing else existed for either of them, no missions, no Gato, no ninjas. Only them. And that's all that mattered for the time. Then it ended, their lips separating and their foreheads resting on each other's as they looked at each other, a deep caring and passion in their eyes.

"Thank you Naruto-kun" she said then before he could say anything back she let go and walked away from the boy she fell in love with, tears threatening to fall down her face. He looked at her as she walked away and it clicked that he wouldn't be seeing her for a very long time, he can't exactly leave the village to come here whenever he wanted to. The first girl whose feelings for him he reciprocated and he wouldn't see her again. He began to feel a dull ache in his chest while watching her walk away. He stayed there until he couldn't see her anymore. After a bit a small thin smile came across his face and he touched his lips. A bittersweet moment for him in every sense.

He walked back to the house the same smile still etched on his face.

"Something happen out there Naruto?" Kakashi asked a smile underneath his mask. The last few days Naruto had come back smelling of lavender and now he had that smile on his face, the same smile his father had whenever he would talk about or see Kushina.

"Huh you say something Kakashi sensei?"

Kakashi raised an eyebrow at his student and looked at him with a smile underneath his mask We're on a mission Naruto you shouldn't be getting involved like this, live and learn I suppose, but he will have to learn the ways of a Shinobi soon something like this can prove dangerous on missions, we have to be emotionless in certain situations. He didn't voice any of these thoughts though, he already

knew Naruto would find this out once they left and he would no longer see the girl. He was pretty sure that Naruto already knew this but it would hit him in full force once they arrived home. "Naruto go get Sasuke and Sakura they're out back training still I need to talk to you all."

Naruto went out and told them to come inside. Him and Sasuke had been working on their jutsu although Naruto's was still stronger as he had been working on it more and had more chakra to pump into it but over all their collaboration technique was good and was quite powerful. Sakura had been working on her taijutsu trying to make it stronger and stronger which had come with some success her attacks were stronger than before but she had a lot to work on. That being said a direct hit in the right area would hurt a lot and if a genin were to take one they'd most likely end up with a few broken bones.

The trio gathered inside and their sensei looked at them, the previous joking manner he had now gone replaced with the deadly seriousness of a Shinobi. "Tomorrow will most likely be it, Tazuna doesn't need much longer to finish the bridge and Zabuza will have had enough time to completely heal from everything so you all need to be prepared and ready for another fight. This is a different battle ground now, he knows our skills and he'll have his partner with him. We all need to be at a hundred percent so that's enough training for now, make sure you have all your equipment and we'll go over battle strategies." They agreed upon Naruto and Sasuke taking on Zabuza's partner and Kakashi taking on Zabuza himself. Sakura would guard Tazuna. Naruto would only call upon the Kyuubi if it was absolutely necessary and they prayed to Kami that the situation wouldn't arise. They spent the rest of the day going over different strategies for fighting but it was hard since they had no idea what Zabuza's partner's abilities are.

\*\*The next day\*\*

The group arrived at the bridge, an unnatural and thick, stifling mist hung around the entire area.

"This isn't normal, team get close and cover Tazuna."

"Hidden Mist Jutsu." A demonic raspy voice echoed throughout the entire area. The mist thickened to the point where it was almost impossible to see in front of them. Then two figures walked forward, the mist moving away from them allowing the team and a frightened Tazuna to see them as they walked forward.

"Time for a rematch Kakashi." Zabuza looked down at his partner, "Go take care of the three genin." Zabuza and Kakashi dashed forward just as Haku dashed towards the trio guarding Tazuna. Zabuza's blade slashed through the air and Kakashi's kunai sparked to life. As they clashed Zabuza increased the chakra in the jutsu completing concealing himself again. "Your eye will do you no good here Kakashi."

"I don't need to see you to defeat you."

"You should worry about your brats, Haku will kill them I've trained the perfect weapon."

"I wouldn't worry about them Naruto and Sasuke together can handle

themselves they have been trained by some of the best in Konoha."

While Zabuza and Kakashi clashed against each other Haku had been throwing senbon at Naruto and Sasuke trying to separate them from Tazuna. The mist made it hard to see but they could still hear the sound of the needles flying towards them, their blades blocking each senbon before it hit Tazuna. The mist then cleared from them giving perfect sight of Haku right as she yelled "Secret Jutsu: A Thousand Needles of Death"

"MOVE!" Naruto yelled. Sakura grabbed Tazuna and jumped one way while Naruto and Sasuke both jumped towards the fake hunter-nin, barely avoiding the needles as they ran towards her attempting to strike the ninja down.

"Fuuton: crescent slash"

"Katon: crescent slash"

The boys yelled at the same time opting to try the new version of their Justus. The waves now were only the length of their blades instead of the length of the slash itself but they were more curved increasing the speed and power of the attacks. The attacks hit the spot Haku had occupied resulting in deep slashes on the area but Haku had dodged the attack completely.

"I can't afford to take chances with you two, I'll have to use my trump card hyoton: demonic ice mirrors" a dome of mirrors appeared around the boys trapping them in. The fake hunter-nin then walked into one of the mirrors and appeared on each one not giving away her actual position.

\_Hyoton. No please no. That's a Kekkei genkai that was found in Kiri. Please don't let it be her. A refugee from Kiri with only her father. She knew how to apply medicinal herbs. The last time I saw her I could have sworn I saw tears dropping while she walked away. Please don't let it be her. Please Kami no.\_ Naruto could no longer dwell on his thoughts as his and Sasuke's opponent began throwing kunai from seemingly everywhere.

"Naruto the mirrors are ice"

"Right"

"Katon: fireball jutsu"

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The Justus combined making an even larger fireball that crashed into the dome. When the flames cleared though, the mirrors were perfectly fine, not a scratch on them.

"You're going to have to try harder than that to break my mirrors."

Naruto dashed forward, his sword glowing with the amount of wind chakra going through it. He slashed once he was close enough to a mirror. The mirror stopped the blade dead in its tracks and earned Naruto several senbon to his body. He looked at Sasuke and nodded his

head. They performed the seals and shouted

"Fuuton: drilling wind bullet"

"Katon: fire bomb jutsu"

The techniques shot forward and once they combined the boys shouted "collaboration technique: fire bomb bullet!" The small ball of condensed flames combined with the spinning bullet and shot forward at incredible speeds smashing into the mirror and causing a large explosion creating several cracks in the mirror. The boys saw this and shot towards it. Just as they were about to reach the mirror the hunter nin appeared in front of them and launched more senbon each one striking the boys sending them flying back.

"You can't defeat me, both of you just admit defeat now and I won't be forced to kill you." Their opponent said in a flat and cold voice.

"I have a few more aces but this one should do the trick." Naruto said as he held out his hand forming a rapidly spinning blue ball of pure chakra. He ran forward and Sasuke attempted to follow Haku's movements so he could send out blasts of fire to block the incoming senbon towards Naruto as he ran towards a mirror. As he got closer Haku threw more and more senbon making it harder and harder for Sasuke to keep track until he felt a burning in his eyes and suddenly time seemed to slow down and he could see her movements easier and easier and see the senbon going forward. Sasuke blocked the attacks with ease and just as Naruto slammed his attack into a mirror shouting "rasengan" and shattering it, Haku shouted " hyoton ice needles" and rapidly formed needles, completely surrounding Sasuke. They all simultaneously slammed into Sasuke, proving to be too many for the young genin to dodge. As Naruto went through the mirror to the other side of the dome he turned around to see blood fly out of Sasuke's mouth and watched him fall to the ground landing so that Naruto couldn't see his face.

"No NO SASU\*\*KE NO! " \*\* Naruto yelled.

"He was a powerful opponent but Zabuza-sama gave me an order that I needed to fulfil, I am sorry."

Naruto felt a burning around him and a deep rage, more so than he had ever felt before and everything seemed to be tinged red. He looked at the mirrors and could see which one his opponent was in. Before Haku could jump to another mirror his tail slammed into it shattering the mirror and wrapping around her. The tail burned her. It lifted her up then slammed her down into the bridge creating cracks where she hit.

"\*\*I'll kill you"\*\* and before Haku could even get up she felt contact on her stomach then she was up in the air, Naruto's leg outstretched. Before she could even reach the peak of her ascent his tail shot forth and grabbed her ankle pulling her down and slamming her into the bridge yet again.

\_Naruto I'm so sorry. Zabuza I've failed you I can't defeat this boy, he's something else completely. Naruto I'm sorry for falling in love with you then taking on of your most precious people. \_

"\*\*DIE!" \*\*Naruto shouted as he ran forward and picked Haku up with one hand before launching her again with a punch to the stomach. She landed with her face to the ground and stayed there.

"\*\*GET UP I'M NOT DONE WITH YOU YET!" \*\*With the last of her strength she stood up and watched as Naruto's tail came towards her pointed right at her heart. Before it could make contact her cracked mask finally fell revealing her face. His tail stopped inches before it punctured the kunoichi.\*\* "Haku, why?"\*\* He said his voice still deeper than usual, sounding more feral.

"I'm sorry Naruto-kun everything between us was never supposed to happen." She looked into his eyes again and through the anger she saw something even worse. The sadness in his eyes. A deep and crushing sadness that she shared with him. "I'm sorry Naruto-kun, our fight is over now Zabuza-sama still needs me." She then ran forward and threw senbon at him to distract him, if only for a second. He felt the chakra though and dashed forward seeing Kakashi's jutsu go forward and Haku appear in front of Zabuza.

"\*\*NO!"\*\* He yelled as he jumped in between them grabbing Kakashi's arm diverting him to the left and pushing Haku to the right. Kakashi felt the burning in his arm and looked with shock at Naruto's cloak. Naruto's tail acted at the same time, wrapping around Zabuza's neck and lifting him slightly off the ground. His tail began to restrict around the demon's neck but before he could finish him a clapping echoed out as the mist cleared revealing a very short man wearing a black suit and sunglasses despite the mist.

"Good kill him it will save us the trouble of doing so." The man said as the mist cleared more and more showing a small army of men behind him.

Naruto dropped Zabuza who fell to his knees while massaging his burning throat.

"Well Kakashi it looks like we're on the same side now." He then looked to Naruto and pointed at Gato. "Hey kid, that's Gato, sick him." Zabuza said a smile underneath the wrappings covering his mouth. At this Naruto, who was being corrupted more by the Kyuubi every second that passed, dashed forward faster than anyone other than the ninja could follow. Before his army could process what happened Naruto had Gato by the throat at the end of the bridge, the smell of burning flesh already seeping through the air. "Kid don't do this I could make you rich, I could give you everything you want. Anything you could ever want just let me live!" Gato pleaded as his throat burned. Naruto dropped him down. "Hehe smart kid now once you kill those guys over there I'll give you anything."

"\*\*You know what I want?"\*\*

"What kid? Anything and it's yours."

"\*\*Your death!" \*\*Naruto then created a rasengan and connected it with Gato's stomach and extended his cloak stretching the arm out well over the sea as the ball tore away at Gato's stomach ripping apart his innards and grinding his bones to dust. Once Gato's screams stopped Naruto ended the jutsu letting the destroyed body fall into the ocean. He then turned around and looked at the army then dashed forward two new rasengan already formed. He slammed the rasengan into

multiple people and used his tail to impale others going through several people at a time. Even if the initial stab didn't kill them the burning did. He used his claws to slash the men down hearing nothing but screams and flesh being torn from bone. Soon no one was left. Only Naruto stood among the destroyed remains of the men, gore covering the entire area and the stench of burned flesh in the air. He looked around and saw Sakura holding Sasuke who was awake now, then his eyes moved to Haku who looked at him with fear. The cloak faded and he dropped to his hands and knees and threw up, the impact of his actions hitting him.

He stayed on his hands and knees until he heard footsteps walking towards him. He looked up at Kakashi who had his arm outreached. Naruto grabbed his hand and Kakashi pulled him up. As he stood up he began to hear the sound of cheering and looked to the beginning of the bridge where he saw the whole village gathered cheering at the defeat of Gato and his army.

"You're a hero Naruto." Kakashi said

"I'm a monster."

"No you're not, killing is part of our job Naruto these men were evil there was no redemption for them and you were under the influence of the Kyuubi, feeding and increasing your hate. I'm sorry you had to use the cloak for the first time in an environment like this, you can't blame yourself you've never used it before and couldn't have known how much influence it would put on you."

"Thank you sensei, what happens to them?" He asked pointing towards Haku and Zabuza.

"Well that's up to them, they are no longer our enemies and your opponent didn't kill Sasuke, she put him in a death-like state."

Naruto walked over to them and looked at Zabuza then briefly at Haku before he stuck his hand out to Zabuza who looked at him curiously before shaking his hand. "Haku deserves better than you I hope you know that she loves you as a father and you treat her as a weapon and nothing more she could've died while fighting me, I almost killed her but I refrained and after everything that happened to her she still ran to save you." Naruto said looking at the man. They heard a thud and Zabuza turned around seeing Haku on the floor her eyes closed and her breathing shallow. Zabuza bent down quickly to feel her pulse to make sure it was steady. His muscles tensed before he picked her up. "Damn you boy you don't know what you're talking about, help me find someone who can treat her and fast NOW!" They ran into the crowd, many people regarding Zabuza with fear. Soon they found a doctor and Haku was rushed into the small hospital where they went about setting her broken bones while Zabuza ran in search of the herbs she had used to help with his chakra poisoning. Once he found them he gave them to the doctors who administered them. Once they said her vitals were stable they all left the hospital as Haku would have to remain there for at the very least a week until she could move again and even at that she won't be able to move for that long.

"Well Kakashi we are no longer enemies, I have a debt to pay to your damn brat so we will stay and help with the construction of the bridge." Zabuza said for once with no hint of malice in his

voice.

"Start treating her like a daughter." Naruto told him as he walked away.

"That kid has a unique ability Kakashi."

"Yes I know, everyone who is around him can't help but inevitably liking him."

Naruto walked over to Sasuke and Sakura. "You ok teme?" He asked the Raven haired teen who was walking with a slight limp and had a certain pinkete next to him with her arms wrapped around him despite his rather loud protests.

"Yeah I'm fine dobe, SAKURA GET OFF."

Sakura just smiled and wrapped her other arm around Naruto and pulled him in close as well as Sasuke. "We did it we won." She said with a smile getting the same reaction out of her two teammates who allowed the pinket to hug them longer for once.

After the battle had taken place it only took a few more days for Tazuna to finally complete the bridge, the process being accelerated by Naruto's hundreds of clones helping where they could. Once Haku was let out of the hospital she stayed at Tsunami's house along with Zabuza as well. Naruto had refused to talk to her and he did all he could to avoid coming into contact with her. He was hurt deeply, someone he trusted had turned against him and almost killed his best friend.

Inari was finally happy again and thanked Naruto for saving his village. In return Naruto who took a liking to the young boy, gave him a kunai and began teaching him how to fight with it.

The day came that the bridge was finally completed and open for use. Everyone was celebrating again, almost everyone that is except for Naruto and Haku who were still hurting. They all said their goodbyes to Tsunami, Tazuna, and Inari, who had tears in his eyes as he said goodbye to the heroes. The team from Konoha and the Mercenary and his apprentice all walked down the bridge. They reached the edge of the bridge which connected to the land of fire's border.

"Do you two know where you will go from here?" Kakashi asked the two

"He for once we don't, I suppose to another village in search of mercenary work." Zabuza replied.

Naruto looked at them and made a decision he had been thinking on for awhile. "My last name is Namikaze I'm fairly sure I can convince Tousan of this too, you both are invited to come with us and become Shinobi for Konoha. Zabuza you're only a missing-nin because you staged a coup on Yagura and in Konoha's eyes will not be seen as a dangerous crime."

Zabuza looked at the boy, he was suspicious of his parentage before he told him his last name, after all the boy was almost a spitting image of the yellow flash. He looked down to Haku "Well what do you say Haku?"

"It would be nice to not be on the run for once Zabuza-sama"

"Haku, sensei is fine. Well boy it looks like we're taking you up on your offer."

Naruto looked at Haku who offered him a smile, he turned away and began walking. The rest followed after him on their way back home after a long trip they were all different and had all changed for better or worse they were no longer the same people that left.

\*\*Wow that one took awhile. So after thinking about it I'm going to take a poll I want FÅ« to be with Naruto I already decided on that pairing but I want to know if you guys think I should have it just Naruto and her or Naruto FÅ« and Haku let me know in the comments and I'll be back soon with another chapter until then thank you guys again. \*\*

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file.